24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - NOVEMBER 8, 2026



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "O God beyond All Praising" #880

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 149

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray…..**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading Amos 5: 18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the
Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met
by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was
bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom
with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight
in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of
your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of
your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll
down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who
have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the
word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling

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Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 151



Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of
them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.’ 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The
foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’
9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women
came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I
do not know you.’ 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor
the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” #436

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

Give  Online

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Offertory "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184

Offertory Prayer
Let us pray… Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hears. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer
Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray……**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns
"When Long before Time" #861
"When Peace like a River" #785

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Post-Communion Prayer
Let us pray….Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen**.

Sending Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” #244

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.



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“THE GIFT OF GOD’S KINGDOM”

Welcome: As the church season draws to a close, today’s scriptures remind us that God has richly blessed each of us with unique gifts, talents, and resources. We are called not to hide these gifts away in fear, but to risk using them boldly for the sake of the Gospel and the care of our neighbors. God's grace has a place reserved just for you at the table. Let us worship together with joy!

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!



In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Vickie Fox, Todd Rusk, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.

Karen Knox (mother of Alexis Smith), Carla George, Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Dan Sabala, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling: Anew. Shirley Cash, Judie VonHolten, Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: GSCC. Earl Bauer: Windsor Nursing Home.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.





Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group meets every **Monday** at 9:00 am in the Luther League Room. All are welcome to join!



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **November 12th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Yoga: Dr. Stephanie Shirding is offering a free Community Yoga Class! This class is held from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall every **Monday**. Search for "Monday Meditations" on Facebook for more information about the class.





Committee: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Tuesday, **November 10th**, at 3:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Meeting: The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, **November 11th,** at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.





Little Blessings Fundraiser: Little Blessings Daycare and Preschool will host a Fundraiser dinner on Sunday, **November 15th**, from 11:30 to 1:00. Little Blessings is in need of a washer and dryer. Please join us for a dinner of meatloaf, potatoes, veggies and dessert. Free Will offering. (If anyone has some extra hamburger they can spare it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Susan Goosen or Cindy Schlesselman)

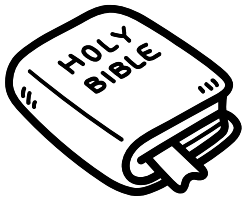
Out of Office: Pastor Stephen will be out of the office from **November 22-27**. Pastor Sandy will be leading worship on **November 22nd**.

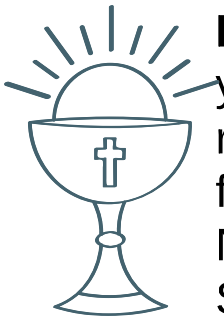




Advent Calendar: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Link for this year's Advent Calendar/Collection. This is a fun way to celebrate together, enjoying a homemade countdown calendar of items and reading a devotional booklet created by members of our church. Four different calendars are available this year: kid's candy, wine, craft beer, and hot tea bags. More information and instructions are on the bulletin board or email Pastor Stephen. Items are due back to church by **November 22**.

First Bibles: St. Paul's has a long-standing tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are in the second grade. This is a way that we can support parents in fulfilling the baptismal promise to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." First Bibles will be given to those youth in worship on Sunday, **November 29th**. Please let Pastor Stephen if you will be participating that day.





First Communion: With such a large first communion class this year, we continue this morning with a few more of our youth receiving their First Communion in worship. Those receiving their first communion this year are: Finnley Decker, Gracynn Elliott, Noah Gerken, Tucker Nash, Cooper Rice, Ruby Sangster, Brayden Schlesselman, Clayton Schlesselman, Kyler Tinney, Macoy Tinney, and Isaac Zeller. Congratulations!

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is here! These gifts support the Benton County Christmas for Kids program. Each angel on the tree will list an age range and gender along with some suggested items to purchase, but feel free to use your imagination or ask a child you know for suggestions! Gifts should be in the $15-25 range, are NOT to be wrapped, and need to be returned to church by **November 29th**. There will be boxes on the usher's stands if you would like to make a financial contribution towards gifts that will fill in the gaps of the Christmas for Kids program. Angels for our local care facilities will arrive on the tree by December. Thanks for your support!

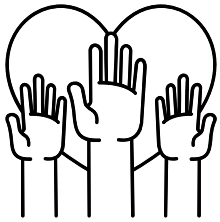




Thanksgiving Worship: Thanksgiving Worship: Due to low attendance in recent years, we will not be having a worship service on Thanksgiving Eve. You are invited to bring in donations for the Cole Camp Food Pantry throughout the month of **November**. Also, since Thanksgiving offering has traditionally been designated as mission support to our synod, you are encouraged to designate a benevolence offering to the ELCA before the end of the year.



Advent Dinner: Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Dinner which will be held on Sunday, **December 6th**, right after worship. It's a potluck meal with the meat and potatoes provided, so attendees are invited to bring a side or a dessert to share. This is a great way to celebrate the Advent season together and the time will include a brief holiday program.



Volunteers: St. Paul's can only exist and do the ministry that we do because of your presence and participation!! As we look forward to the start of another calendar year of miistry, we need volunteers to help jump into positions of leadership and service. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can offer your time and talendts in the coming year. Would you be willing to serve for a term? If so, please talk to the nominating committee, indicate this on your communion sheet in worship, or call/email the church office. Thank you for sharing your gifts with Christ's Church.



Food Pantry: The Cole Camp Food Pantry is continually grateful for our community and the support you provide. In addition to the regular donations, the pantry could use cereal and oatmeal this month. Additionally, the pantry is looking for volunteers! Volunteers can serve on a regular or occasional basis. You must be 18 years old and not a current client of the pantry. The food pantry is open weekly on Wednesdays from 10 am - 12 noon, Thursdays from 3 - 5 pm, and Saturdays from 10 am - 12 noon. Please contact the Food Pantry Manager, Sheila Sabala, at 816-559-1111 if you are interested or have questions.



Parish Education: Calling all those willing to share their faith with the future of our church! The Parish Education committee is looking for Sunday school teachers. There is a current need for both teachers and substitute Sunday School teachers. The curriculum is easy to follow and the materials are on hand and ready. We just need people willing to be there and share in the faith development of our youth. Please contact Lynn Schear or another member of Parish Education to help answer the call!

Save the Date: Mark your calendar for this year's Winterfest event on the evening of Sunday, **December 20th**!



~*~ In The Community ~*~



Chili - Soup Supper: The American Legion Post 305 will be holding a Chili-Soup Dinner on Sunday, **November 8th**, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the American Legion Building in Cole Camp. Menu will include Chili, Vegetable Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Hot Dogs, Dessert and Drinks. There will be a 50/50 raffle (need not be present to win). 25% of the proceeds from the dinner will go to the Auxiliary Christmas Store at the Warrensburg Veterans Home. Come and support your locan American Legion family!

SERMON NOTES for kids

AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE!

WHO IS SPEAKING?

DATE:

MESSAGE TITLE:

WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

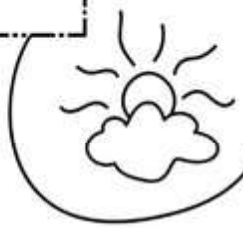
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WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING ABOUT FROM THIS PASSAGE:

DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY!



MY QUESTIONS & NOTES

THINGS I HAVE QUESTIONS ON TODAY:

IMPORTANT POINTS / VERSES FROM TODAY:

MY FAVORITE SONG FROM TODAY WAS...

This Week At St. Paul's

Sunday, November 8:	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Adult/SS Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, November 9:	9:00 am	Sewing Group
	6:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday, November 10:	3:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Wednesday, November 11:	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, November 12	8:00 am	BCHD
Saturday, November 14:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, November 15:	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Adult/SS Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	11:30 am	Little Blessings Benefit Dinner



Coming Events

November 10 .....Worship & Music Committee
November 11.....Church Council Meeting
November 15.....Little Blessings Dinner
November 16.....Esther Circle
November 25.....Sunbeam Committee
November 22-27.....Pastor out of office
November 26.....Thanksgiving Day

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers.....The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister.....Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist.....Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild.....Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers.....Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
Chad Schlesselman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Steve Triplett

24th Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 8, 2026

Assisting Minister.....Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants.....Trisha Goosen
Stephanie Randall
Reader.....Jackson Decker
Children's Sermon.....Paul Fuelling
Acolytes.....Lena Smith
Clayton Schlesselman
Flowers.....Lois Viebrock

25th Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 15, 2026

Assisting Minister.....Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants.....Luther League
Reader.....Braden Poe
Children's Sermon.....Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....Lexi Goyette
Tristan Fox
Flowers.....Emily Kullman